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FATHER's
DAY**



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Michael & Daneshea Wolfe
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Walter II & Iris Rosier
 6/25

Jerome & Michelle Haynes
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Mack & Euraydice Sims
 6/27

Isaac & Tijuanna Davis
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Sunday School

Justice in the New Testament

Our Just and Merciful God

June 3rd

Justice and Sabbath Laws

Matthew 12:1-14

June 10th

Parables of God's Just Kingdom

Matthew 13:24-33

June 17th

Teaching on Justice

Matthew 15:1-90

June 24th

Reaping God's Justice

Luke 16:19-31



**The 152nd Church Anniversary and the 22nd of our Pastor—
 June 8, 9 & 10, 2018**

Anniversary Colors are Purple, Lavender, Yellow, and Pink

Church Banquet to be held in the

S. A. Thomas Family Life Building—June 9, 2018

Ticket Price is \$35.00

District #3 will be hosting a Wellness Health Fair

Saturday, July 7th, from

11:00am - 2:00pm

At Mt. Bethel Baptist Church.

Participating vendors are: One Blood Bank Mobile Unit, Hey- Helping Educate Youth, PONS, Dept of Health, HIV Mobile Unit

In addition, there will be a clothing giveaway. So. if you care to make a donation, please feel free to bring your items.



Father's Day Message

It was Mark Twain that said, "When I was a boy of 14 my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man learned in 7 years." Brethren, I suppose we who are fathers can identify with the statement of Mark Twain, especially about being a father.

Well, the month of June brings in a day that we are to honor fathers. The idea for creating a day for children to honor their fathers began in Spokane, Washington. A woman by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Having been raised by her father after her mother died, Sonora wanted her father to know how special he was to her. It was her father that made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man. Her father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington on the 19th of June, 1910. In 1924

President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Roses are the Father's Day flowers: red to be worn for a living father and white if the father has died.

There are lots of things we could say about fathers, but for the sake of time I want to mention just two—two qualities that a father must possess.

First the father must be the Priest of the Home:

The father must acknowledge his responsibility for the spiritual life of his family. A priest cannot function unless he is in close contact with God. It is the duty of the father to make sure his children know how to be saved and how to walk in the ways of the Lord. The greatest thing a father can pass on to his children is his love for God and the love of God.

I remember reading a story of a young boy frightened by lightning and thunder, who called out one dark night, "Daddy come, I'm scared." "Son," the father said, "God loves you and he'll take care of you." "I know God loves me," the boy replied. "But right now I want somebody who has skin on." Not only must we share the love of God, but we must display it. We must be the love with skin on. Someone has said, "A boy loves his mother, but will follow his father."

Secondly, the father must be the Planner of the Family:

Being the priest of the family is not enough. The godly father must also have a plan for the harmonious life of the family. We must strive with God's help to create family unity. There must be togetherness. Having family unity may be a very difficult thing to achieve. But I believe the only way we can begin to accomplish family unity is with a godly character, that's the father's example. If his faith is genuine and authentic, then the result is, in essence, "Whatever you say, dad, we will agree." Fathers must rule the home with consistency and stableness. An inconsistent father will produce discord and friction.

When the family is united, it will endure the trials and the tribulations that come its way. Joshua possessed a godly determination to preserve his family. He was prepared to stand alone with his family no matter what.

Joshua 24:15 (KJV)

¹⁵ And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

Happy Father's Day!

Pastor and Lady R.E. Herring, Sr.



THE INSPIRATION

Prayer for our Pastor

Oh, most Holy and Everlasting Father, we pause now during this month of celebration to lift our Pastor and this congregation in prayer. Father, we thank You for allowing the Angel of this house to celebrate another Pastor's Anniversary. We thank You, Father, for giving him these past years an understanding mind to govern Your people. We Pray that You allow him to continue to walk worthy of his calling, as You endue him with wisdom, revelation, understanding, strength and peace.



Then Father, we Pray that any attack on his person be rendered useless and void, in the name of Jesus, the Christ.

Lord God, as we close this Prayer, we Pray for his family along with the entire Mt. Bethel Family. Help us ALL along with our Pastor to forever make time for Prayer and use this celebration as a time for Spiritual Revival.

We count all these things done in the Precious name of Jesus. Amen and Amen.

P. Cross

Do Not Waste Your Blessings!

Life can be the best thing and it can also be the worst thing. It can bring the best people and it can bring the worse people. It can bring a smile to your face and it can cause tears to run from your eyes. It can present many opportunities and it can pose many obstacles. Do you realize each and every day there are people around you dealing with more than you are? No matter how they smile in your face, they're dealing with extreme circumstances. No matter how life's circumstances change, you can always count on the Lord. No matter how people behave when they speak in your direction, you can always count on the Lord. No matter how stressed out you become, you can always count on the Lord. (Psalms 46:1 - God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble) There is nothing that you are dealing with that God cannot handle for you. It's time for you to realize you have tried everything and everyone, but now it is time for you to stand on the promises of God. Turn It Over To Jesus and watch Him work it out for you! You may not believe in these words, but just think back over your own life. Where you are today seemed impossible years ago. After all the things you did, the places you went, people you hung around, activities you performed. If He was God then, He is God now!



Do you believe Jesus came out of the grave? Do you believe He is on the right hand of the Father making intercession for us? (Romans 8:34 - Who is he that condemned? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.) Do you believe we serve a risen Savior? I say, "YES, I BELIEVE!" But what do you say? In case you may have forgotten this one simple fact, we serve a RISEN KING; so if Christ got up, so can you and I. He has given us power to rise above our problems, our dilemmas, our burdens, our enemies, and our trials. On this day and everyday going forward, whoever and whatever has held you down, this is the day and the time for you to get up in the name of Jesus. (Luke 10:19 - Behold I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you.)

D. Bell

'Gone Fishin'

Proverbs 22:6 – “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

On Saturday, May 19th, the Empowered Brethren treated their mentees to a Fishing Trip as their second quarter event (which has become an annual outing). The men searched various areas in the city for the perfect fishing hole, which turned out to be Frenchie's Catfish Farm located off US 301 and Normandy Boulevard. We enjoyed a morning of fishing, bonding, and teaching. Frenchie's has multiple “fishing ponds” stocked with a variety of fish in every pond. While the haul was not what the kids (both young and old) were expecting, the fellowship amongst everyone was well worth it.

D. Bell



'Mother's Day Fest'

Proverbs 1:8-9 - “My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck”

On second Sunday, May 13, 2018, the Empowered Brethren Ministry honored the Mothers of Mt. Bethel with the Annual Mother's Day breakfast. The menu this year consisted of grits, eggs, potatoes, fried fish and sautéed shrimp in Cajun sauce prepared by Deacon (Chef) Harris and his crew. This year the men surprised the ladies with chocolate covered strawberries as part of the breakfast. During the morning worship service, the mothers were presented with an engraved pen that also serves as a pointer stylus for their iPads and texting.. The Empowered Brethren would like to say Happy Mother's Day to mothers and to the women who are a mother figure to someone.

D. Bell



'AEM Candlelight Ceremony'

AEM CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY was held on the fourth Sunday morning, April 22, 2018. Introduced to the Mount Bethel family were fourteen senior high school students, who shared with our congregation their interests, goals, and accomplishments. This year we have five graduating seniors; you will hear more from them on the fourth Sunday in June when the graduates will be recognized. The members of AEM would like the congregation to join with us in congratulating them for their accomplishments and we ask that you keep them in prayer that their goals will be blessed by the Lord.

P. Lewis



WHAT MAKES A DAD

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad

M. Taylor



'Strength Scripture Prayers'

Thank you, Lord, for renewing my strength as I wait on you. Lord, I thank you that as my strength is renewed I shall rise up with wings like eagles, I shall run and not grow weary and shall walk and not faint. – Isaiah 40:31

Thank you, Lord, that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. – Philippians 4:13

Thank you, Lord, for being my refuge and strength – a very present help in trouble. – Psalm 46:1

My flesh and heart may fail, but I thank you, Lord, that you are the strength of my heart and my portion forever. – Psalm 73:26

Lord, I thank you that your grace is sufficient for me, for your strength is made perfect in my weakness. I will gladly boast in my weakness that your power, Lord, may rest on me. – 2 Corinthians 12:9

Thank you, Lord, for your strength so I can be strong in the Lord and in your mighty power. – Ephesians 6:10

Lord, I thank you that your joy is my strength. – Nehemiah 8:10

Thank you, Lord, for being near to me. Lord, you are my strength; come quickly to help me. – Psalm 22:19

Lord, I thank you that you are my strength and my defence – you are my salvation. – Psalm 118:14

Thank you, Lord, for being gracious to me; I long for you, Lord. Be my strength every morning – my salvation in times of distress. – Isaiah 33:2

Thank you, Lord, for being my strength; you make my feet like the feet of a deer and enable me to tread on the heights. – Habakkuk 3:19

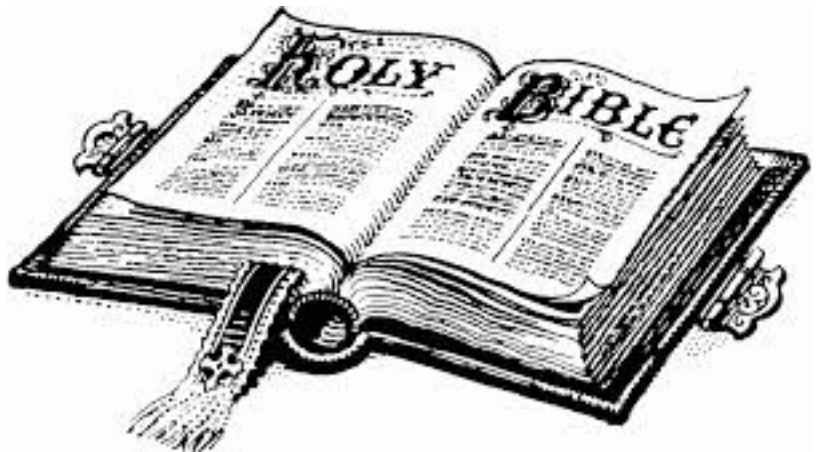
Lord, I pray that out of your glorious riches you may strengthen me with power through your Spirit in my inner being. – Ephesians 3:16

Thank you, Lord, for arming me with strength, and making my way perfect. – Psalm 18:32

Thank you, Lord, for giving me strength when I am weary and increasing power when I have no might. – Isaiah 40:29

Lord, I thank you that you answer me when I cry out to you and have made me bold with strength in my soul. – Psalm 138:3

M. Taylor



'Sister Willie Rosier Young Retires'

Congratulations to Willie Rosier Young on her retirement after 28 years of service with the Department of Labor for the State of Alaska. Sister Young officially retired from her position as the Regional Manager of Northern, Interior and Western Alaska on May 1, 2018. She began working for the state of Alaska on May 1, 1990 as an Employment Security Specialist and served in various roles before retiring from her current position. Sister Young is a native of Jacksonville, Florida and became a member of Mt. Bethel in 1961. She relocated to Fairbanks, Alaska in 1982 but still considers Jacksonville her home and Mt. Bethel her home church. We wish her many years of good health, happiness and prosperity in retirement.

T. Robinson

'Unconditional Love'

Hosea 14:1–9; Mark 12:28–34; Psalm 81:8–14

Unconditional love, adultery, rejection, pursuit, and restoration - this sounds like the tag line for a new series on Netflix, but this is the summary for Hosea! Hosea is the small, often passed over book in the Old Testament that tells of the tangled love affair of the God-loving Hosea and his wayward wife, Gomer. It also parallels the love affair of God and His people, you and me.

Gomer had an addiction problem, an addiction as a harlot. She eventually left Hosea for the arms of another. Her infidelity could have caused Hosea to let go and move on, he could have ignored the problem, or even asked the authorities to put Gomer to death. But, in obedience to God, Hosea sought after Gomer and purchased her back. He reached out after being rejected, he forgave the unforgivable. Hosea demonstrated unconditional love.

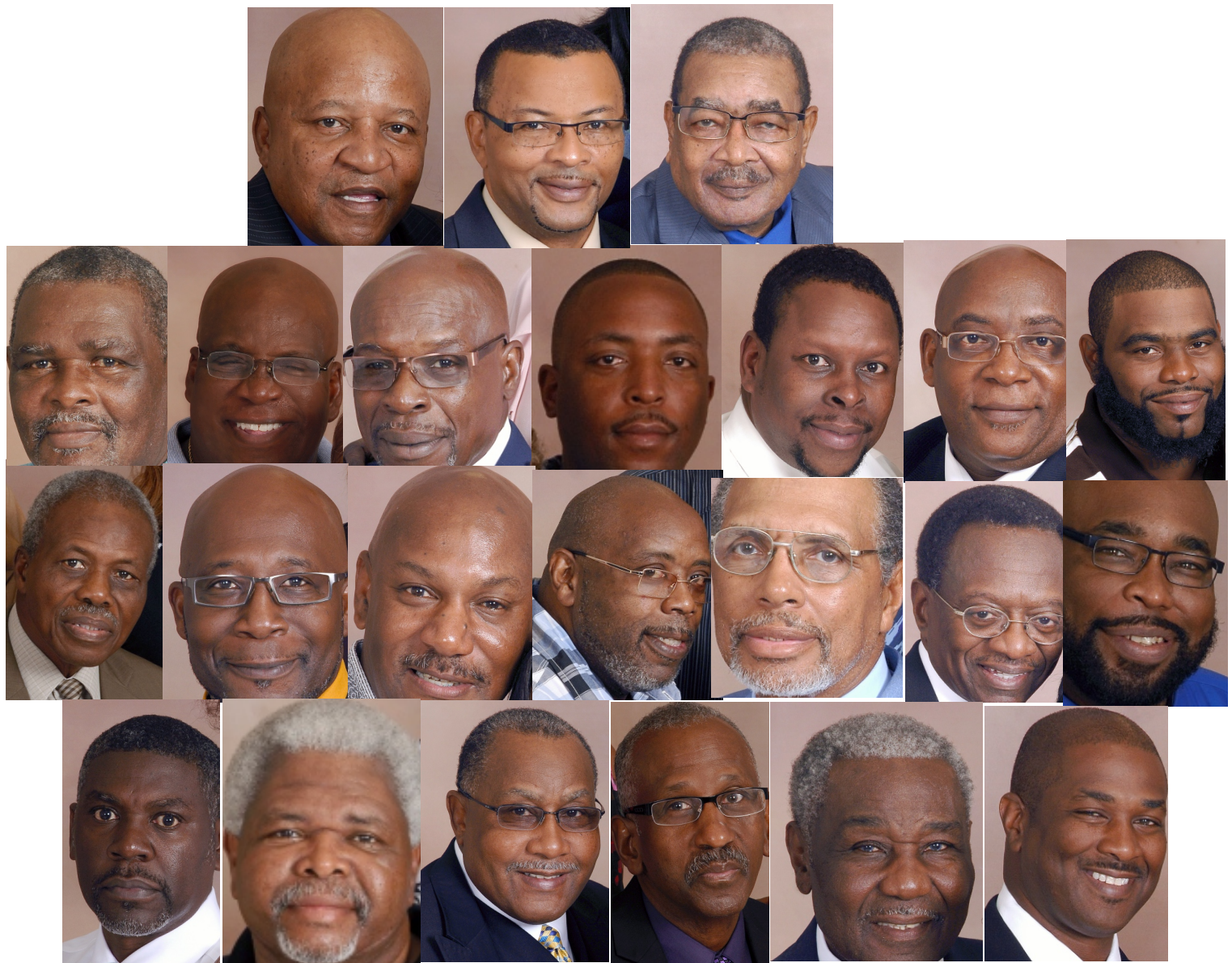
Is this not exactly as God has done for us in our spiritual infidelity? It could be something more public such as an addiction to drugs or alcohol that has us cheating on God. It could be something more subtle such as web-surfing, shopping, or the refusal to relinquish our control of our circumstances to the Creator and Designer of our lives. It could simply be an addiction to complaining and dissatisfaction. Whatever our “addiction” happens to be, God pursues us relentlessly. He chases after us, finds us in the arms of another and purchases us back with His own Son, Jesus Christ.

In Hosea chapter 14, not only does it speak of God’s forgiveness of our sinful ways, but it shows His redemption! We are not merely purchased back. God promises as we turn to Him and away from our sin, He will RESTORE our broken lives. God says we shall blossom like the Lily, our shoots will spread out and our beauty will be like an olive tree. We are not merely forgiven, we are restored in strength and beauty. I don’t know about you, but I want and need that in my life! Hosea illustrates the power of God’s love, faithfulness and restoration toward us... His sinful people.

Now, let us think about where our spiritual infidelities hide. Let us commit to bringing them to light and asking God to restore us and strengthen us, let us pray collectively for God to *“take away all guilt; receive us graciously, and we will offer the fruit of our lips.”* Hosea 14:2

M. Taylor





'TRASH Litterbugs'

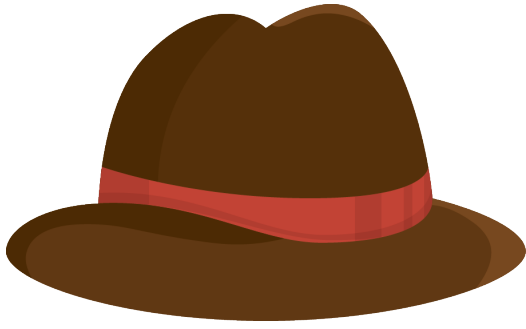
My usual route from home to church is down Palmdale, up Lake Park Drive, across Edgewood, down Gainesville to Rowe, then Fernandina to Helena. For the last few weeks, I have noticed people throwing all kinds of trash out of their car windows – cups, sandwich wrappers, bottles and cans just to name a few. To make things worse, someone had hauled an old sofa, a mattress set and other items, and emptied them on the side of the road. It seems easier for some to litter our yards and roadways, keeping their cars clean, and expecting “someone else” to clean up the mess. (Suggestion, contact: COJ.net > Departments > Public Works > Solid Waste > Household Bulk Collection. ... sofas, chairs, other furniture and BBQ grills ...)

Well, some of us have that same attitude in church. We leave our church programs, trash and other litter in the pews. We eat or allow our children to eat in the sanctuary, and have been known to place candy wrappers in the communion cup holders or even drop them on the floor. We won't even place the church bibles or hymnbooks back in their appropriate slots. The Attitude: “That’s what we pay the janitor for.” Not good.

Why not be proactive starting today after service, picking up the litter around you and placing it in the nearest garbage receptacle? “Let’s all be good stewards of God’s house and our surroundings, and be good examples for our children.”

Thanks,





GIFTS FOR DAD



Aftershave
Beer
Belt
Book
Card
Chocolate
Compass
Cuff Links

Golf Balls
Grilling Tools
Hat
Keyring
Mouse Pad
Mug
Pen
Phone Case

Pocket Knife
Power Tools
Razor
Slippers
Socks
Tie
Wallet
Watch

'Police Athletic League (jaxPAL) Summer Schedule'

MobilePAL

MobilePAL brings officers into some of our city's most under-privileged neighborhoods for a day of positive relationship building with children and adults alike. Officers spend quality time with children and their families, engaging in sports and fun activities. These relationships are vital to communities where police officers are more likely to be perceived as enemies than allies.

- **June 6th** – 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | Donner Park Community Center | 2072 George St, Atlantic Bch
- **June 22nd** – 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | Clanzel T. Brown Community Center | 4575 Moncrief Rd
- **June 29th** – 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | Emmett Reed Community Center | 1093 West 6th St
- **July 6th** – 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | Mary Lena Gibbs Community Center | 6974 Wilson Blvd
- **July 13th** – 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | Cuba Hunter Community Center | 3621 Bedford Rd

ATHLETIC EVENTS:

Participating in sports provides many benefits to youth including: increased self-esteem, developed social skills, health and productivity. JaxPAL's youth sports teach our athletes the value of teamwork, dedication, and hard work, providing them with skills necessary to build a bright, successful future.

Blake Bortles JaxPAL Football Camp

Blake Bortles, special guests, and area coaches will join 500 local youth for football drills and practice.

- **June 9th** – 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. | JaxPAL Monument Center | 3450 Monument Rd

JaxPAL STEM Football Camp

200 youth athletes will come together with area coaches to partake in football exercises that focus on the connections between STEM studies and sports.

- **June 30th** – 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Bob Hayes Sports Complex | 5054 Soutel Dr

JaxPAL Basketball Championship

500 youth athletes will battle on the ballcourt for the coveted Championship trophy.

- **August 4th** – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. | JaxPAL Northside Center | 2165 W 33rd St

About JaxPAL

The Police Athletic League of Jacksonville, Inc. (JaxPAL) is a 501(c)(3) youth-serving organization with a strong, collaborative partnership with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. Through education, athletic, outreach, and leadership programs, JaxPAL enriches the lives of children by creating positive relationships between law enforcement officers and the youth of our community. **For more information please visit www.jaxpal.com or call (904) 854-6555.**



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